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SUBJECT: NEW NETHERLANDS ANTILLES PRIME MINISTER AND
CABINET SWORN IN

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1. YESTERDAY THE NEW NA CABINET WAS SWORN IN BY GOV. LEITO.
(REFTEL GIVES NAMES.) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR THAT MADE
POSSIBLE THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS THAT
CONDITIONS OF MEP OF ARUBA WERE MET. THIS SHOULD PERMANENTLY
QUIET AND ESTOP THE ISSUE OF SEPARATE INDEPENDENCE FOR
ARUBA. EACH ISLAND GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HAVE MORE AUTONOMY
TO LEGISLATE LAWS AND MAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS, INCLUDING
DISTRIBUTION OF ITS TAXES. THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR
PROMULGATING REGULATIONS OR LAWS FOR THIS NEW AUTONOMY FOR
EACH ISLAND WILL BE THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS,
HENRIK CROES, THE BROTHER OF BETICO CROES, HEAD OF MEP.

2. COMMENTS: THE DEMARCHE OF MEP WAS NOT UNEXPECTED. WHILE
COMPLETE AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE FOR ARUBA WAS A POPULAR THEME
WITH ATTRACTION FOR ARUBANS, IN THE EYES OF HOLLAND AND THE
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BALANCE OF THE NA IT WAS UNWORKABLE. THIS SHOULD BE A GIANT

STEP TOWARD SETTling DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ISLANDS OT THE
NA AND MOST CERTAINLY IMPROVE THE IMPASSE TOWARD WORKING
OUT INDEPENDENCE WITH HOLLAND.
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